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In re Application of:

Albritton et al.

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

DETECTING ENZYMATIC ACTIVITY USING MOLECULES

THAT CHANGE

ELECTOPHORETIC MOBILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is being filed in order to include subject matter from the parent applications that was not allowed during prosecution of the parent applications. No fee is required for a preliminary amendment. However, please charge any deficit or credit any surplus to Deposit Account No. 01-1960. Applicant hereby amends the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 – 47 without prejudice to pursue the subject matter

thereof in the following claims.

Please add the following claims: